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2013 Prize and Awards Winners

The Japan Wood Research Society Prize

The Japan Wood Research Society Prize was awarded to Yuzou Sano, Graduate School of Agriculture, Hokkaido University, for his work “Functional anatomy of cell wall ultrastructure associated with water movement in xylem” and to Kuniyoshi Shimizu, Faculty of Agriculture, Kyushu University, for his work “Investigation on biological activities of Reishi mushroom (*Ganoderma lingzhi*) and their mode of action”.

The Japan Wood Research Society Progress Award

The Japan Wood Research Society Progress Award was awarded to Yukiko Enomoto-Rogers, Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences, The University of Tokyo, Research Fellow of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), for her work “Syntheses and characterization of cellulose and hemicellulose derivatives and their applications”, and to Ken Watanabe, Forest Products Research Institute, for his work “Studies on the development of sensing techniques for wood drying”.

The Japan Wood Research Society Regional Scientific Promotion Award

The Japan Wood Research Society Regional Scientific Promotion Award was awarded to Kiyohiko Ikeda, Shizuoka Prefectural Forestry Research Center, for his work “Development of regional material use technology in Shizuoka and contribution to promotion of research results to timber industry”, to Tohru Uehara, Department of Architecture and Production Design Engineering, Shimane University, for his work “The academic promotion and dissemination of research through the use of biomass and improvement of material properties of wood by the surface treatment”.

The Japan Wood Research Society Best Paper Award

The Japan Wood Research Society Best Paper Award was awarded to Yasuo Yanagawa, Nara Forest Research Institute, for his work “Results of outdoor exposure test for sugi glulam (I) Shear strength and wood failure ratio” Mokuzaigakkaishi, Vol. 59, No. 5, and to Soichi Tanaka, Yuko Fujiwara, Yoshihisa Fujii, Shogo Okumura, Hiroyoshi Togo, Naoya Kukutsu, Shoji Mochizuki, Graduate School of Agriculture, Kyoto University, NTT Microsystem Integration Laboratories, Shoji Mochizuki for their work “Effect of annual rings on transmission of 100 GHz millimeter waves through wood”, Journal of Wood Science, Vol 59, No. 5.

Relocation of the Editorial Office

The Editorial Office of the *Journal of Wood Science* moved at the end of March 2014 from the Division of Forest and Biomaterials Science, Graduate School of Agriculture Science, Kyoto University to Research Institute for Sustainable Humanosphere, Kyoto University.

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Mokuzai Gakkaishi (Journal of the Japan Wood Research Society)

Mokuzai Gakkaishi is another official journal of the Japan Wood Research Society. This journal publishes original articles, notes, review articles, and announcements from the Society in Japanese but with English abstracts, tables, and figure captions for original reports. Contents of the latest issue of *Mokuzai Gakkaishi* are as follows:

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